Setting up of Indian Institute of Information Technology at Bhubaneshwar

2112. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up an Indian Institutte of Information Technology at Bhubaneswar; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Initial ground work towards setting up the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) has been done.

However, in view of the large investments involved and the need to provide well defined directions in the establishment of IIITs, Department of Electronics has invited views from a cross-section of people engaged in the areas of academics, implementation and applications of Informatics and related disciplines regarding objectives, scope, logistics and administration of these institutions. Their views are presently being examined. In order to develop convergent perspective of the goals of these institutions, Department of Electronics proposes to shortly hold a workshop where different aspects relating to the setting up of the Institutes will be discussed. Further course of action will be decided after the above workshop.

Manufacture of Coloured T V. sets and Video Cassette by the ET & T

2113. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State owned ET & T have announced the rate of a colour Television set at Rs. 6,400/-;

(b) whether this rate of a colour Television includes sales tax, one year full guarantee with free replacement of components and after sales service at the customer's door step;

(c) whether the ET & T have any plan to manufacture video cassette recorders by importing the components and assembling them here;

(d) whether it is a fact that this job is already being done by private manufacturers; and

(e) if so, instead of trading whether the public sector organisation like ET & T propose to develop technology and exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN: (a) The recommended price of Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation Ltd. (ET & T) Horizontal 51 cms. CTV was Rs. 6575/- excluding local taxes, and Rs. 7774/- plus local taxes for Vertical model 51 cms. CTV under its Material, Technology and Brand (MTB) Scheme.

ET & T will be launching a new model of 51 cms. CTV by end of December, 1988 which will be priced lower than existing model on account of certain cost effective components being used.

(b) ET & T's recomended prices are ex-factory and does not include local taxes. However, it carries warranty for one year and free replacement of components during warranty period and after sale services at their offices.

(c) ET & T has been asked to submit a revised composite application for manufacture of VCRs/VCPs.

(d) Letter of Intents have been issued to three parties in Private Sector for manufacture of VCRs/VCPs.

(e) The revised composite application from ET & T is yet to be received.

Suggestion of the Electronics Commission

2114. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the suggestions of the Electronics Commission;

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to ensure rewards for technical enterprise by way of preferential treatment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Various recommendations made by the Electronics Commission regarding Electronics Policy and Growth Objectives 1980-81 are under consideration of the Government.

Medium Irrigation Projects of Andhra Pradesh

2115. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have sent proposa's for approval of four Medium irrigation projects viz. (a) Chagalnadu Lift Irrigation Scheme (2) Ehupatipalem Scheme Researvoir Scheme across Seethapalli Vagu (3) Kovvadakala Reservoir Scheme across Kovvada Kalva and (4) Peederu Reservoir scheme across Pedderu river; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to give clearance to these medium irrigation projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Of the 4 medium irrigation projects only Pedderu Reservoir, Stage-I, was cleared during 1977. A revised estimate of this Project for ultimate stage was received in November, 1985, when more than 75 per cent work had been completed. The question of its appraisal, therefore, was not considered worthwhile.

Indo-Us Sub-Commission on Science and Technology

2116. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the original proposal for the project under the Indo-US sub-commission on Science and Technology, as approved by the Department of Science and Technology and the National Science Foundation, the Delhi component of E 706 is to provide steel absorber plates in the liquid argon calorimeter and read out electronics for the silicon microstrip detectors;

(b) whether it is also a fact that read-out electronic items costing about Rs 18 lakhs in foreign exchange are proposed to be bought from Nanometric systems Inc US, and standard Engineering Inc. USA; and

(c) whether the 40 per cent foreign exchange component includes the reimbursement to the university of Rochester for equipment purchased on behalf of the University of Delhi and a "micro VAX" II computer system with peripherals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN). (a) Yes, Sir.